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1. The airfield at Snina (R49/E96) was built during World War II, but it was virtually destroyed by bombing toward the end of that war. The concrete runway and hangar are for the most part still in a state of almost complete destruction.
2. This airfield is situated to the northwest of the village of Cirocke Dlhe and is 194 meters above sea level. It is bounded on the north by the Cirocha brook and by forests, on the southeast it is bounded by a brook which flows into the Cirocha brook, and on the west lies the village of Dlhe.
3. Repairs being carried out at the time of observation were not such as would prepare the field for use as an operational base by the Czechoslovak Air Force. The runway, which lies alongside the railroad line and the highway from Humenne to Snina, is neglected, but a new three-story building 20 by 10 meters in size (see No. 1 on the annexed sketch) has been erected on the field, near the old hangar.
4. Fifty meters to the west of this building, six radio aerials have been set up in a semi-circle. Farther to the southwest is another radio aerial of another type.
5. The six aerials near the building are all of the same type. They consist of two metal rods about two or three meters high and from 50 to 70 meters apart, connected to each other by from six to eight wires which are strung at each end through three insulators. Adjoining three of these aerials, there are wooden masts about 15 or 18 meters high and standing five meters from the outer rod. These masts each end in a "hedgehog" connected to one end of the aerial. The remaining three aerials do not have this "hedgehog" equipment. The six aerials described in this paragraph appear to have been installed some time ago.

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6. The other aerial located to the southwest of these six consists of two metal masts of frame construction which appear to be new. These masts are from 25 to 30 meters high and 20 meters apart, and they are connected by a rope. A cable leads from the aerial to the building which is No. 1 on the sketch. At night, a strange noise similar to that of an electric generator can be heard.
7. [Redacted] these aerials are either part of a radar 50X1-HUM installation or of a radio jamming station; some believe that they are merely a part of an ordinary military radio transmitting station. Civilians are not allowed to enter the place. Access to it is over a country road from the Bela railroad station. The site of the radio installation is in open country about 60 meters from the railway, and there is no fence around it.
8. Three-man patrols guard the site of the radio installation. The guards and technical staff are housed in the large building and are part of the Humenne military garrison.
9. The power station at Krompachy supplies the electricity, but it is believed that the airfield is also equipped with its own electric generator.

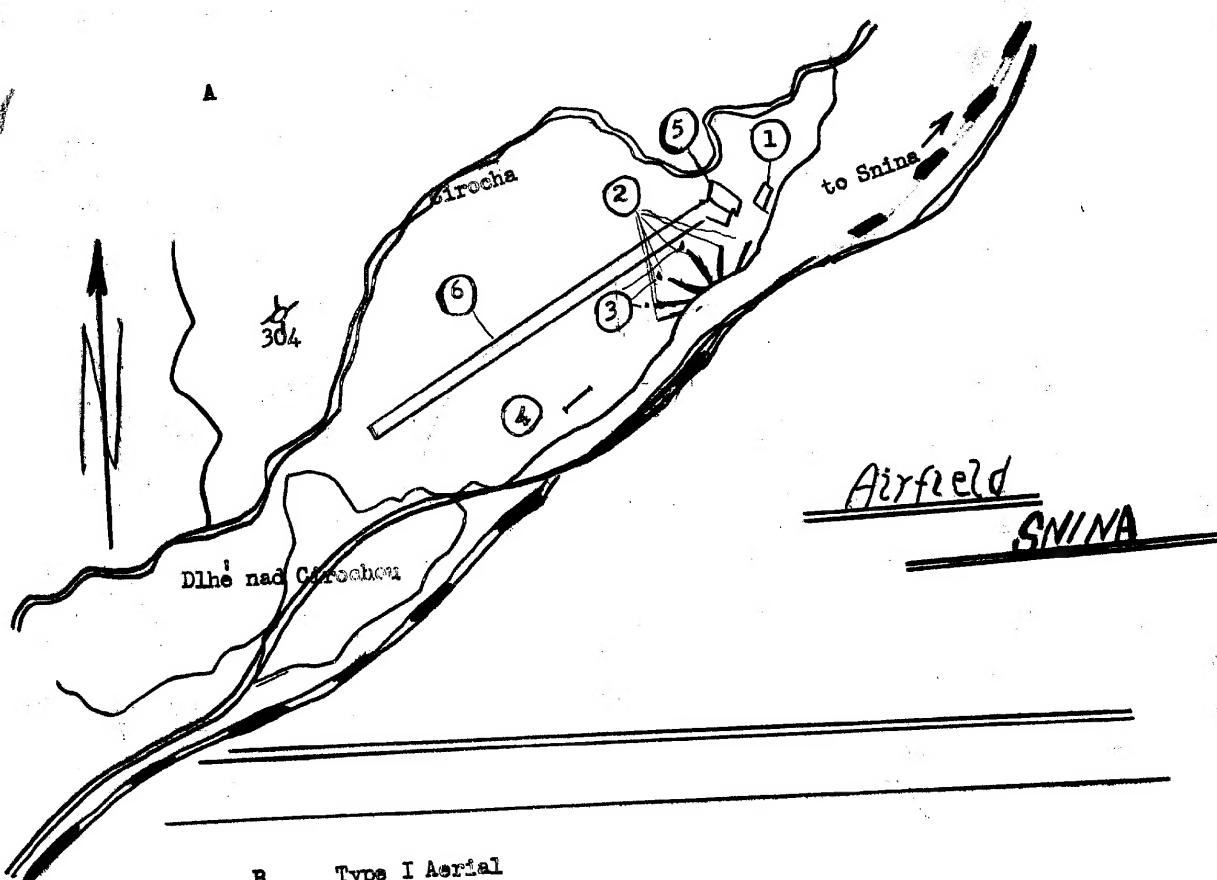
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1. Brick building
2. Type I aerial
3. Wooden masts
4. Type II aerial
5. Destroyed hangar
6. Runway, only partly in use

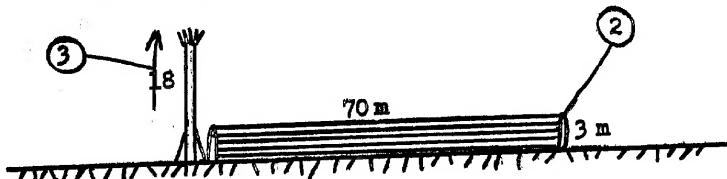
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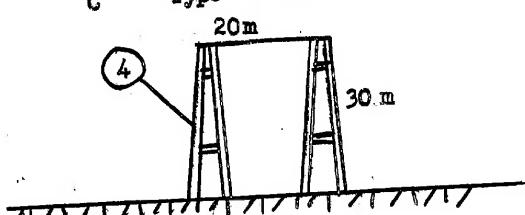
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B Type I Aerial



C Type II Aerial



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